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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In Re Application of:** James A. Hoxie *et al.* **Attorney Docket No.** 53893-5046-00-US  
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**Application No.:** 10/767,648

**Group Art Unit:** 1648

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**Examiner:** Agnieszka Boesen

**Title:** COMPOSITIONS, METHODS AND KITS RELATING TO DELETION MUTATIONS OF IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS GP120 HYPERVARIABLE REGIONS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20061214) in connection with the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed in view of a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and accompanying fee enclosed herewith, which extends the period for response up to and including June 27, 2007.